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A patent has been taken out in Austria for covering the sides of iron ships with a coating of glazed earthenware plates. Due allowance is made for the strain on ships sides by filling the joints with an elastic material. The matter is very theoretical at present, but if practical would be of great advantage.

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Paint on clothing may be removed by using equal parts of turpentine and spirits of ammonia. Saturate the spot with the liquid two or three times until the paint is soft and then wash out with soap.

Snow on roofs may be prevented filling the gutters by placing small stools or benches along in the gutters upon which the snow will lodge, thus leaving a clear space below for the water to run off.

Flies may be driven and kept away by using laurel oil freely. It will also preserve looking glasses and picture frames when coated with it.

Ink spots on floor may be removed by rubbing with sand wet in oil of vitriol and water; when the ink is removed rinse with pearl-ash water.

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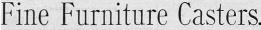
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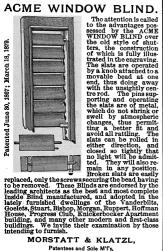
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that the cabinet maker has a table top of marble to remount, which is scratched, and requires re-polishing. The following is the process used by the mason, and will, therefore be acceptable in a work like the present. With a piece of sandstone with a very fine grit, rul the slab backward and forward, using very fine sand and water, till the marble appears equally rough, and not in scratches; next use a finer stone and finer sand, till its surface appears equally gone over; then, with fine emery powder and a piece of felt or old hat wrapped round a weight, rub till all the marks left the former progress are worked out, and it appears with a comparative gloss on its surface. Afterward, finish the polish with putty powder and fine clean rags. As soon as the face appears of a good gloss, do not put any more powder on the rag, but rub it well, and in a short time it will appear as if fresh from the mason's hands.

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Fine black dye. Put six pounds of chip logwood into the copper, with as many veneer as it will conveniently hold, without pressing too tight; fill it with water, and let it boil slowly for about three hours; then add half a pound of powdered verdigris, half a pound of copperas, and four ounces of bruised nut-galls; fill the copper up with vinegar as the water evaporates; let it boil gently two hours each day till the wood is dyed through.

Bronze may be renovated and recolored by mixing one part of muriatic acid and two parts of water. Free the article from all grease and dust, and apply the diluted acid with a cloth When dry, polish with sweet oil.

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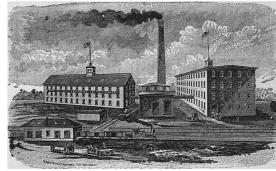
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The following is a crimson stain that is frequently used for decorative woods for musical instruments: Ground Brazil wood one pound, water three quarts, cochineal half an ounce; boil the Brazil wood with water for an hour, strain, add the cochineal, boil gently for half an hour, when it will be fit for use. Thiis first applied, and then the varnish, consisting of rectified spirits of wine half a gallon, six ounces of gum sandarac, three ounces of gun ounces of guin sandariac, three ounces of guin mastic, and half a pint of turpentine varish; put the above into a tin can by the stove, fre-quently shaking till well dissolved; strain, and keep for use. If it is harder than is wished, thin with more turpentine varnish.

Ink stains may be removed from colored table covers by dissolving a teaspoonful of oxalic acid in a teaspoonful of hot water, and rubbing the stained part well with the solu-tion. Ink stains may be taken out of anything white by simply putting a little powdered salts of lemon and cold water on the stain, allowing it to remain about five minutes, and then washing it out with soap and water, when the stains will disappear.

To polish slate floors, use a smooth, flat piece of pumice stone, then polish with rotten stone. Washing well with soap and water once a week is usually enough to keep the slates clean, but by adopting the above method, not only do the slates become polished, but any stains are taken out.

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Soiled marble may be cleaned by coating it (after brushing off the dust) with thick mu-cilage and allowing the wind or sun to dry it. Shortly it will peel off and bring the dirt with it. A second or third application may be

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A few years ago a clergyman, who was an archaeologist, visited an ancient village church. On entering, he saw in the midst of it a man, who was on his knees, bowing low and facing the altar. The clergyman, of course, thought he had lighted on an instance of religious fervor, and that, moreover, expressed in an unexceptionable manner, an instance which was highly exemplary, especially in these degenerate days. But, on getting a close view of the being in the reverential attitude and in the eastward position, the clergyman found, to his horror, that the supposed devotee was earnestly and vigorously wrenching out of the stone floor a fine old brass, and in doing so knocking it to pieces. The surprised and grieved beholder exclaimed, with some excitement: "What are you about?" Without looking up and without desisting one moment, the rustic—a workman employed there—quietly answered: "We be a-restoring."—London Times.

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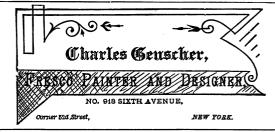
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Color in decoration. Green is a favorite color in decoration, and reasonably so, for nature tells us that green is the most soothing color to the sense, and less trying to the optic nerves than reds or yellows. Between blue and green there are an endless variety of tints, and some of the most pleasing effects in decoration are those in which blue and green run into the other. In these effects the blue should partake of the green and the green of the blue, colors of which we have heard rather much during the past few years. Of course it is not necessary to touch blue in our scheme, as we can confine ourselves to tones of brown green gray green, yellow, and blue green. Variety in these cases is obtained by varying the weight of color more than the tone. We can make the wall space light, the dado somewhat darker, and the wood work darker still, for it is a pretty safe general rule to emphasize the constructiv details with strong color.

In all mixtures of color there should be a ponderance of one of the primaries. In the preponderance of one of the primaries. In the case of greens, for instance, there should be an excess of yellows in the warm greens, of blue in the gray greens, and some red in the dark greens. Equal proportions (not in bulk but in value) of blue and yellow produce a crude green. An excess either way will give a more averageable color. agreeable color.

The effect of colors on the nerves should never be lost sight of, and should guide the decorator in his decision as to the tone of color to be adopted) He must study the idiosyncrasy of his client, for there are some people who have a strong predilection for one color, and this caprice must be taken into account in conjunction with the aspect of the room and the

purposes to which it is to be applied.

Bright spots of color, if it be thought desirable to introduce them, can be brought into a decorative scheme by means of painted panels, stencilling, and hand painting. Bright color is suitable if sparingly used on a back-ground of some quiet color.

A color is crude when it is principally

bright, and gives a feeling of unrest to the sense. An harmonious color, on the other hand, gives a feeling of repose so essential in the every-day surroundings of our homes. The rooms we live in form the background to our lives, and should consequently be unobtrusive, and, at the same time, agreeable and pleasure-giving. For all practical purposes the nearer a tint approaches to a primary color the less suitable it is to decorative requirements. But though a color may be very low in tone, it by no means follows that it should be dark. This was the mistake made a few years since, presumably as a protest against the vulgarity of the color employed in the decoration of a gen eration ago. The color in rooms was made unnecessarily dark and gloomy. A color can just as easily be light and harmonious as dark and dull. A gloomy color is always to be avoided, owing to its depressing influence; light and sunny color, on the contrary, is cheerful and

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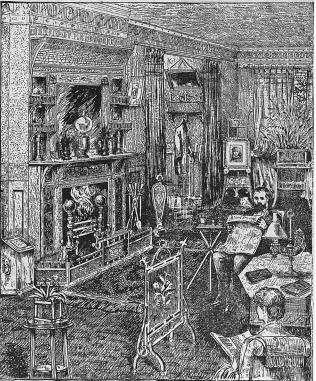
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exhilarating. A color need not be yellow to be "sunny," for one can get the effect of a warm light in all one's color without the color itself consisting of tones of either yellow or red.

There are many rooms which have to be made to look furnished by the decoration, and in these cases it is most important that the decoration should be quite correct. In such cases it is very desirable there should be some stencilling, or brush work, for flat masses of color want "breaking up" and relieving by ornament or other richer surfaces. On the other hand there are rooms in which the decorother hand there are rooms in which the decor-ation plays an insignificant part, owing to the number of the pictures and other accessories adorning the walls, etc. All these considera-tions and many others that will occur to every decorator from time to time, must be noted and taken into account before he commits himself to any definite scheme; but his first con sideration, when he has satisfied himself on all these practical points, is the color of his decoration. - Furniture Gazette.

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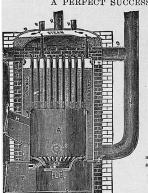
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